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From the Alumni Board President, Bernard A. Balas



Spring featured several events involving SJC alumni. The April highlight was the 38th annual Little 500 race. Several years ago, a separate alumni race was added to the festivities. See page 4 for the details concerning this year's alumni race.

May featured the 32nd Annual Trustee Scholarship Dinner in Chicago. As a fundraiser, the dinner was the most successful in several years thanks to the efforts of chairman **Mike Vallone '60** and his committee of **Janice Pyrcce '73** and **Mark Behnke '80**.

Highlights of the Scholarship Dinner included the presentation of honorary degrees to **Kevin White '72** and **Jane (Gartland) White '73**. Kevin, the current athletic director at Notre Dame, led a successful high school and college coaching career in Florida, Michigan and Missouri, serving as Athletic Director at Loras College, University of Maine, Tulane, and Arizona State. Jane, in addition to being a mother of five, has had her own successful 20-year career as coach, teacher, and administrator at the high school and college levels.

As SJC Board Chairman **James E. Madden '64** noted at the dinner, "Above all, the Whites represent the family-

oriented, ethical and dedicated alumni that Saint Joseph's College puts into the world."

Also honored at the Scholarship Dinner were the co-valedictorians of the class of 2001, **Amanda Bailey '01** and **Richard M. Gallo '01**. Bailey has been accepted at the Indiana University School of Medicine and Gallo, son of alumnus **Richard E. Gallo '59**, has been accepted into Purdue University's graduate program in Biochemistry.

Over 30 new Fellows were added to the rolls at the annual Fellows Dinner in June. Festivities began with the dedication of the restored stained glass windows in the Saint Joseph's Chapel. The fundraising for this project was led by the Council of Fellows.

The Council of Fellows includes: **Ken Ahler '62, John Baumann '61, Tom Effinger '65, William Del Principe '73, Anne-Marie Egan, John B. Egan, Larry Jenkins, R. Gordon Klockow, the Honorable J. Philip McGraw '70, Mary Beth Ryan '86, George Tonner '43, Mike Vallone '60, and Carol Wood '74.**

Golf and other outings will be offered this summer--be on the lookout for mailings about these events. Also, alumni in the South Bend, Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Northwest Indiana, and St. Louis areas should be alert to forthcoming information about receptions for prospective students and parents which are scheduled for those five areas. ♦

Meet your friends at Puma Homecoming



Puma Homecoming ♦ September 14-16, 2001 ♦ See page four for details.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 11 Alumni outing:
Indianapolis
Indians game

Aug. 20 Classes begin

Sept. 14-16 Homecom-
ing Weekend

Oct. 5-7 Parents'
Weekend

Dan Adams Selected as Senior of the Year at 2001 Senior Dinner



Dan Adams with his parents, Daniel and Kathy Adams, at the Senior Dinner.

Little 500 Alumni Race Results



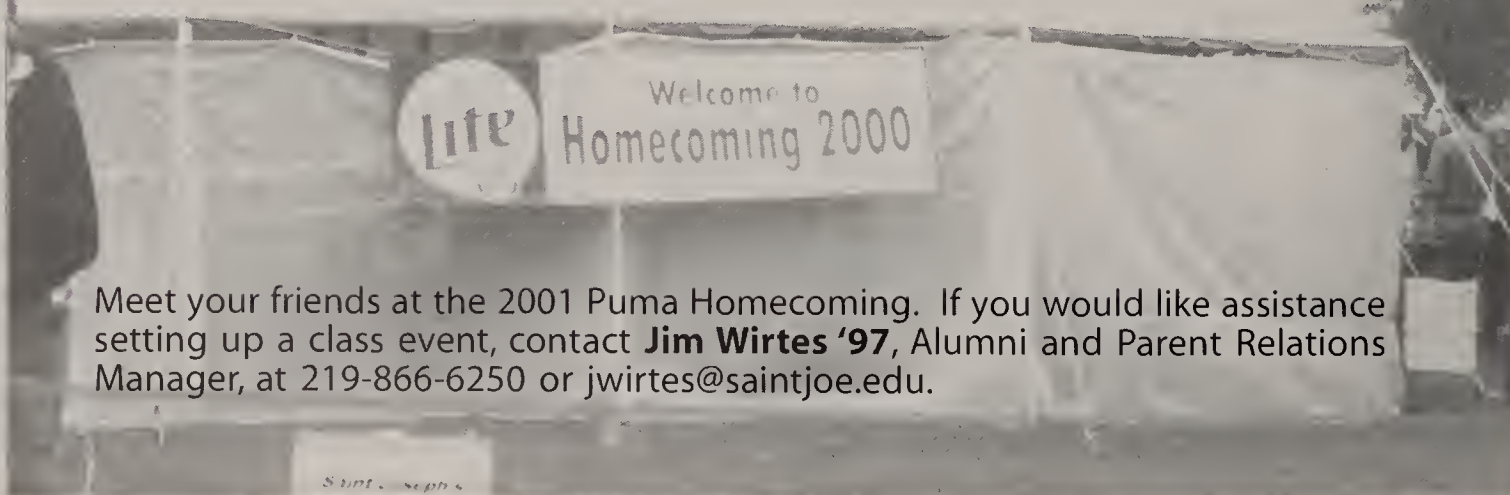
Steve McAleer '82 crossing the finish line.

Place	Laps	Driver	Hometown
1	30	#1 Steve McAleer '82	Rensselaer, IN
2	30	#8 Steve Koos '94	Chicago, IL
3	30	#4 Jon Messman '90	Rensselaer, IN
4	30	#41 Mike Stader '94	Indianapolis, IN
5	29	#27 Jason Ostrowski '94	Chicago, IL
6	29	#18 Joseph Vorrier, III '98	Palos Hills, IL
7	29	#9 Sean Shannon '97	Midlothian, IL
8	29	#2 Tom Messman, Jr. '90	Rensselaer, IN
9	27	#13 Mark Albercht '84	Rensselaer, IN
10	27	#63 Michael DeYoung '89	Hammond, IN
		#68 Tom Messman, Sr. '68	Rensselaer, IN

2001 Puma Homecoming

Events included in this year's Homecoming are:

Saturday:	Friday and Sunday:
Football	Men's and Women's Soccer
Beer and Brat Tent	
Laser Tag	
Honor Class Dinner	
Comedian Dave Randolph	
Alumni Baseball and men's Soccer games . . . and much more!	



Meet your friends at the 2001 Puma Homecoming. If you would like assistance setting up a class event, contact **Jim Wirtes '97**, Alumni and Parent Relations Manager, at 219-866-6250 or jwirtes@saintjoe.edu.

SJC Class of 2001 Achieves 100% Placement Rate in Law and Med Schools



The SJC Class of 2001 graduated a short month ago, yet many of them have already found that a Saint Joseph's College education can reap impressive rewards. One example of the respect granted to SJC graduates is their placement rate into post-baccalaureate programs. This year, 100% of the SJC students who applied to medical and law schools were accepted into well-respected programs.

"Actually, I am not surprised by the acceptance rate," says Dr. David Chattin, Acting President at Saint

Joseph's College. "While it is the first time in many years that both pre-law and pre-med reached a 100% acceptance rate in the same year, we have had a consistently high placement rate for many years in both areas."

Graduates of the SJC pre-law program have an impressive track record and have attended some of the finest law schools in the country, including Northwestern, New York University, Loyola, Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, and Harvard. This year, each of the five graduating seniors who applied to law schools were accepted into programs. Joining the ranks of SJC alumni who have studied law will be Nikki Harris, Heather Hagan, Cindy Hutchison, Kelley Gandurski, and

Jackie Tromner. Peter Watkins, Associate Professor of Political Science, says that he has enjoyed working with these students. "We're very proud of this year's graduating senior class," he says.

The SJC pre-medicine program has also enjoyed a successful track record in the placement of its students. Each of the three SJC students who applied to medical school this year were accepted into programs. These students are Amanda Bailey, Varon Cantrell, and Derek Serna. Serna, who was granted interviews at Iowa and Harvard, was accepted at the Indiana University School of Medicine and at Medical Wisconsin (MCW), which is affili-

ated with Marquette. Serna has chosen to attend MCW. Bailey and Cantrell have both chosen to attend the I.U. School of Medicine.

Students from the SJC Departments of Chemistry and Biology have been successful securing admission to other post-baccalaureate programs as well. This year, three seniors, Traci Wall, Megan Bodnar, and Amanda Goins, were accepted to chiropractic schools; one senior, Richard Gallo, was accepted into Purdue University's graduate program in Biochemistry; and two seniors, Amanda Breetzke and Jared Weller, were accepted into veterinary school.

Chattin congratulates the students for their hard work, and notes the role that faculty play in the success of their students. "I am proud of the students and also quite proud of faculty in these areas. I know they have worked hard to make these programs rank among the most successful in the Midwest." ♦

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Chattin, Acting President*

Pictured top to bottom: Medical school students Derek Serna, Amanda Bailey, and Varon Cantrell; Law school students Heather Hagan, (left to right) Cindy Hutchison, Kelley Gandurski, and Jackie Tromner. Photo of Nikki Harris not available.

President Shannon Thanks SJC



Albert J. "Skip" and M.J. Shannon

At commencement in May, President Albert J. Shannon noted his feeling of kinship with the graduating seniors as he joins them in facing challenges in the world outside of Saint Joseph's College. At the end of May, Shannon left SJC to accept a position as President and Headmaster of St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, MA. He submitted these comments for the readers of Contact.

With Gratitude to SJC

THANK YOU for the faith, confidence and trust that you have placed in M.J. and me for the last eight years. We have been blessed by your friendship and feel privileged to have served you. It is clear that we have also been transformed by your patient support and touched by the mutual love we continue to share with Saint Joseph's College. We hope to have worked in the College community with

integrity, guided by Christian humanism, and a sense of personal stewardship based on our Catholic values. We felt we have made a small difference - we hope that the challenges that remain continue to energize the alma mater of our children.

CHANGE has easily been the theme of this presidency. Whether we variously called it transforming the mind, putting on the new self, a voyage of discovery or, most recently, building . . . it has all been change, and, hopefully, a series of positive steps taken by the College community. The leadership of the Board of Trustees, the sponsorship of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, the tireless work of the faculty and staff, and the personal commitment of the senior administrative team of the institution have served Saint Joseph's well in the nineties and through the transition into the new millennium. We are all thankful that our academic profile remains strong, our service to the quality of student life remains a priority and our Catholic character has been reinforced. We should all take pride in the transformation of the campus with the initiation of our master plan and its impact on our learning, athletic, recreational, dining and living space. We continue to face the challenges of increasing enrollment, enhancing revenues to balance the budget, retaining students and increasing institutional advancement efforts for annual funds. The pride in our accomplishments and hope for our future continue to illuminate lives all over campus.

NOTHING HAPPENS in a complex organization like a liberal arts college without the support of many people. No one person can take credit for our successes; everything we have done is a credit to the people of Saint Joseph's College. As the stewards of the College resources and as the directors of its dreams, we, as a team, have accomplished all of the following in just eight short years:

Constructed the Reverend Charles Banet Core Education Center, the student apartment complex, the Rueth-Fitzgibbon Baseball Complex, the Michael J. Vallone/Class of 1960 Track and Field Complex, the women's softball field and dugouts and

the fitness center.

Installed air conditioning in lounges in every residence hall.

Renovated the campus TV studio, the radio station, portions of the field house, the Admissions Welcome Center, the Chapel windows, 3 residence halls, the IT

infrastructure, the College band practice facility, Halleck Center and Raleigh Hall.

Moved the endowment beyond the \$9,000,000 mark (triple its value in 1993).

Unitized the endowment into

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designated fund pools for the first time in College history.	Partnered with the Jasper County Youth Organization in building a Youth Center on campus land.	Completed the largest capital campaign (\$22,000,000) in the history of the College.
Restructured the entire administrative organization.	Partnered with Rensselaer in the Drexel Park development project.	Initiated a campus-wide Freshman Orientation Program.
Engineered a faculty governance system.	Solicited 2 of the 3 million dollar gifts in the College history;	Established an Office of External Programs to manage summer revenue enhancing programs.
Installed lights on the Minielli Memorial Soccer Field.	Established an employee-based Budget Advisory Group.	Hired a full time foundations/grant writer.
Developed the first professional faculty handbook.	Restructured the Board of Trustees.	More than doubled annual unrestricted giving since 1992.
Created a Facilities Master Plan and initiated a formal strategic planning effort for the first time in SJC history.	Transformed the financial aid policies of the College.	Established the Medal of St. Gaspar for the outstanding SJC alumnus/a who has dedicated a lifetime of service to the College.
Developed new College majors in environmental science, criminal justice and human services.	Been recognized in the American Association of Colleges monograph on Strong Foundations as a college with a model liberal arts program.	Restructured the Student Development division.
Renewed our NCATE accreditation.	Established a planned giving task force and restructured the annual giving clubs.	Installed voice mail, internet connections and cable TV in all residence hall rooms on campus.
Partnered with Sodexo-Marriott to deliver food service to SJC.	Re-energized the College Fellows Program.	Founded the Great Lakes Valley Football Conference.
Been identified by the Templeton Foundation as a College that Builds Character.	Developed the first professional Handbook for College Trustees for the SJC Board.	Established the SJC African Mission Outreach Program.
Been awarded over \$5,000,000 in external grants.		

THANK YOU, Saint Joseph's, for making it all happen.

WE HAVE CHALLENGES yet to face in Rensselaer. The continued support of the Board and our alumni is needed to take Saint Joseph's College to the proverbial next level. On a personal note, I find the following to be the key challenge issues for the next leadership team:

Maintain the Catholic nature of the College.	Continue staff development on the changing nature and requirements of staff/faculty at a small liberal arts college.	an assessment of Core, its composition, delivery and marketing.
Challenge the Missionaries of the Precious Blood to define sponsorship in concrete terms.	Steward the limited resources.	Maintain administrative focus on recruitment and retention.
Continue the unique focus on the whole person - mind, body and spirit.	Energize trustees for fund raising support.	Enhance residence life.
Develop an integrated marketing plan with the strategic plan.	Continue quality academic assessment.	Continue focus on the enhancement of faculty and staff salaries.
Invest in development and technology.	Establish a blue ribbon Core Curriculum committee to continue	Focus on the Facilities Master Plan.

A PERSONAL THANK YOU note to Jim Madden and Phil Wilhelm. Simply stated, I have learned immeasurably from each of you; I hope I have been able to meet your expectations. If I have made Saint Joseph's a little stronger by my presence, I have accomplished my goals. Additionally, my personal thanks to Provost David Chattin. I can only wish that you always have someone like you for counsel and support-- nothing ever really was accomplished without your sage advice. And finally, to Sheila Hanewich: no president was ever served more faithfully, more joyfully or more professionally.

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SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE will always hold a place in my heart. The Board of Trustees entrusted me with the presidency, as a successor to Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S., at a critical time in the history of the school. In my inaugural address, I stated that I hoped to be able to serve the institution as a catalyst, a compass, a capacity builder and an artist. I will leave it to you to find vestiges of each in the legacy that I leave with you. I hope to impart a memory that responded in a professional, collegial and appropriately spiritual manner for Saint Joseph's. I assume the responsibility for all that did not go as planned; I share all of the credit for our successes with the incredible faculty and staff of SJC.

M.J. AND I WILL MISS THE PEOPLE, especially the students, more than anything. We thank the Saint Joseph's community for its support of all that we have tried to accomplish. We will not say "good-bye" to all of you--many of you have become lifelong friends. You will all remain in our prayers. ✧



Puma Politics

On March 28, 2001, President Shannon and **Maureen Egan '90**, Acting Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Marketing, met with some familiar faces in Washington, D.C. Shannon and Egan joined with representatives from the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (HLFI) and the lobbying firm Sagamore Associates to make a request for federal funding to stabilize Drexel Hall. Visits were made to the Office of Congressman Steve Buyer, whose legislative assistant is **Susan Welter '00**, and to Senator Richard Lugar's Office. A social visit was paid to **Thomas Mooney '65**, former counsel to the House Judiciary Committee, now serving the International Relations Committee. The Drexel Hall project has received a grant from the Jasper Foundation (IN) for a market study and is awaiting approval for Build Indiana Funds to be used for building stabilization, and hopefully also for federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Economic Development Initiative. ✧

Top photo: President Shannon and Thomas Mooney '65. Bottom photo, left to right: Congressman Steve Buyer, Susan Welter '00, President Shannon and Maureen Egan '90.

First Co-Ed Cheerleaders at SJC

Pictured here are SJC's first co-ed cheerleaders, initiated in 1960: freshman **Audrey Urbanczyk '64** (middle row, left) and **Patricia Klaus '64** (middle row, right), who joined with male cheerleaders **Bill DeJean '64** and **Dave Marchessault** (not pictured). Later in the year, these cheerleaders were joined by (back row, from left) **Ray Trapp '62**, **Joe Gugliotta '64** as "Pete the Puma," **John Lulewicz '62**, and (middle row) **Ken Sweet '65**. Front row left to right are Calumet Center campus cheerleaders **Bunny Kochis** and **Mary Lou Skafish**. ✧

Photo submitted by Helen Urbanczyk.



Campus News

Faculty Awards

At a banquet in April, a Teaching Excellence Award was presented to **Teresa (Scanlon) Massoels '89**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science. Massoels teaches a number of departmental offerings, such as Applications Programming and Software Engineering. "I enjoy getting students excited about what they can do with a Computer Science degree," she says. "The directions one can go with a CS degree are endless, and it is rewarding helping students find out what direction they wish to go into."

The Edwin G. Kaiser Faculty Scholar Award was presented to Neal Haskell, Assistant Professor of Biology. Haskell has been in high demand as there has been a growing interest by law enforcement to include forensic entomology, the study of "bug evidence"

as Haskell calls it, along with other evidence in murder cases. Haskell is a Forensic Entomology Consultant and has been involved in over 450 death investigation cases since 1981. These investigations, some of which were high-profile murder cases, took place in 43 states in the U.S., two provinces in Canada, Germany, Mexico, and Belize.

Honorary Degrees

Three Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*, degrees were

awarded at this year's commencement ceremony. John Boler and his wife, Mary Jo, were each recipients of the degree. Boler was this year's commencement speaker and is a one million dollar donor to Saint Joseph's College. Boler is the chairman and founder of The Boler Company, which today is among the largest privately-held vendors to the transportation industry. John and Mary Jo were married in 1957; they have five children and nine grand-

Sr. Catherine Fay Award

This year, Margery McIlwain, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of Freshmen, and Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Mathematics, was honored with the Sister Catherine Fay Award for her many years of kindness, encouragement, and generosity to the students, faculty and staff of Saint Joseph's College. McIlwain is fondly regarded on campus, known for her good cheer

and genuine interest in her students and colleagues. McIlwain regularly invites students to her home for generous, home-cooked meals. "I love to have students over to the house to give them a sense of 'home away from home,'" says McIlwain.

Also honored with the award were John and Anne-Marie Egan, long-time friends and faculty of Saint

Joseph's College. Since coming to SJC in 1962, the Egans, both tenured Professors of Music, have taught departmental offerings, Core courses, philosophy, theology, and languages. Both have served as Chair of the Department of Music, have been Division Coordinators, have served as Core Directors, and have given years of service on a number of committees. John also served as the College's first Vice President for Student Affairs in 1967-68. Over the years, the Egans have opened their doors to students, faculty, and friends of Saint Joseph's College. ♦



Clockwise from upper left: Teresa (Scanlon) Massoels '89, winner of the Teaching Excellence Award; Margery McIlwain receiving the Sister Catherine Fay award from Dr. David B. Chattin, Acting President; John Boler, recipient of an honorary degree; Dr. Neal Haskell, winner of the Faculty Scholar Award; Father Dominic Gerlach, C.P.P.S., '46 recipient of an honorary degree; Anne-Marie and John Egan, winners of the Sister Catherine Fay award.

children.

The third degree was awarded to **Father Dominic B. Gerlach, C.P.P.S., '46** for a lifetime of service to Saint Joseph's College. Gerlach arrived at Saint Joseph's College in 1952 and taught at the College until 1995, when he formally retired. Since that time, Gerlach has been active as the C.P.P.S. Community Historian, and has been involved in a number of significant projects which chronicle the history of Saint Joseph's as well as the C.P.P.S. community.

The **Class of 1974** accepts *The Boler Challenge* for Academic Excellence

In celebration of their 30th reunion in 2004, the Class of 1974 seeks to raise \$100,000 to establish the Reverend Charles Banet, C.P.P.S., Core Faculty Development Endowment Fund. Every dollar raised by the Class of 1974 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Boler Challenge for Academic Excellence. An endowment such as this will provide general-purpose income for faculty development expenditures within the Core program, allowing faculty to capitalize on learning opportunities and teaching resources that otherwise might be missed. This will include expenses within the Core program such as faculty development; workshops on topics such as leading discussions, making presentations, and teaching writing skills; purchasing new books for inclusion in the curriculum; and travel to places like India, Africa, or Latin America for faculty who are teaching in the intercultural Core courses. As an endowed fund, this fund will continue in perpetuity.

The Class of 1974 Committee is being co-chaired by **Bill Hogan** and **James R. Gambaiani**. Committee members include:

Richard J. Dunn	Kenneth A. Losin	Daniel J. Kostrzewa
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Richard C. Hoying	Jerome Schroeder	Carol J. Lane Wood
Steve "Track" Jakubowski	Jeff Schuetzner	

For more information about the Reverend Charles Banet, C.P.P.S., Core Faculty Development Endowment Fund please contact Steve Brady, College Fund Manager, at (800) 227-1898. ✧

The **Class of 1961** to build a Campus Gateway Complex with the *Caccamo Family Challenge*

The Class of 1961 has chosen to make an investment in the most important impression the campus of Saint Joseph's College can make: the first impression. By focusing on the Campus Gateway, this gift ensures that the campus entrance will be inviting for generations to come. In an effort to encourage his classmates to join him in supporting this important endeavor, Board of Trustee member **Frank Caccamo '61** has issued *The Caccamo Family Challenge* to match every gift of \$1,000 or more to the Class of 1961 Campus Gateway Fund.

The project will include renovation of the reflecting pond, fountain, benches and sidewalks; new construction of entry sign with lighting and landscaping; relocation of Saint Joseph the Educator and Jesus statue with landscaping and sidewalks.

The Class has set a goal of \$361,000 to completely renovate the Campus Gateway. With the Caccamo Family Challenge, they are well on their way.

The Class of 1961 Committee is co-chaired by **John R. Baumann** and **Frank R. Caccamo**. Committee members are **David J. Cole** (*posthumous*), **David H. Hoover**, **Robert L. Kaiser**, **G. Robert Kasky**, **John D. Kiefer, Ph.D.**, **Leo F. Klemme**, **James A. Oeffinger**, **John D. Olinger, Ph.D.**, **Daniel J. Pesaresi**, **Robert P. Ramesh**, and **Arthur C. Zielinski**. ✧



View from the entrance to campus.

Sports

Sports information submitted by Joe Daahey, Sports Information Director

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NATIONALLY RANKED PUMAS FARE WELL IN FIRST ANNUAL PUMA INVITATIONAL

On April 28, 2001, Coach **Bill Massoels's '89** Pumas hosted their first track and field meet at the Michael J. Vallone/Class of 1960 Track and Field Complex at Saint Joseph's College. At this meet, the First Annual Puma Invitational, the nationally ranked Pumas finished first in 24 of the 40 events. Sophomore Maria Toledo provisionally qualified in the 3,000 steeplechase with a time of 11:54.08, while sophomore Jason Johnson broke the school record with his throw of 173'01" in the javelin. The three other teams participating were Lewis University, Benedictine University and the University of Indianapolis.

KOCZAN AND THOMAS HIGHLIGHT PUMA TRACK TEAMS 2001 SEASON

Under the direction of head coach **Bill Massoels '89**, the nationally ranked Puma men's track team finished in third place in the GLVC, both in the indoor and outdoor championships this past season. In the GLVC Indoor Championships, the Pumas' senior thrower Joe Koczan earned All-GLVC Honors in the shot put and 35# weight throw by placing first in both events and breaking the conference records in both. Koczan was named the GLVC Men's Athlete of the Year for the Indoor season as well as the Great Lakes Region Athlete of the Year for the Indoor Season. Koczan and his senior teammate Aaron Thomas both qualified for the Indoor Nationals in Boston as Thomas earned All-American Status with his 8th place finish in the weight. Koczan finished 11th in the shot put and 12th in the discus. Thomas and the men's 4x200 relay team earned All-GLVC honors also for the indoor season.

In the outdoor season the Pumas also finished 3rd in the GLVC Championships as four Pumas earned All-GLVC honors: Tim Newman in the 1500, Jared Weller in the 10,000, Koczan in the shot put and discus, and Aaron

Thomas in the hammer. Koczan finished 18th in the nation in the discus and in the shot put. SJC finished 22nd in the nation in the outdoor poll and finished the indoor season 14th.

NOON, KLEINMAUS HIGHLIGHT PUMA WOMEN'S TRACK SEASONS

The Puma women's track teams finished the indoor and outdoor seasons third in the GLVC Championships. In the Indoor Championships, the Pumas finished with All-GLVC Honors in four events: the 200 hurdles (sophomore Melissa Kleinmaus took 1st place), shot put (freshman Sarah Garman took 2nd), weight (Kim Noon took 2nd), and the 4x200 relay. In the Outdoor Championships, a number of Pumas earned All-GLVC honors: Melissa Kleinmaus (400 hurdles, heptathlon and hammer), Kim Noon (hammer and javelin), Alexis Virtue (10,000), Nancy Giovingo (pole vault) and Sarah Garman (shot put). Kleinmaus broke the conference record in the heptathlon.

SJC's women finished 26th in the nation in the outdoor poll and finished the indoor season 23rd in the nation. Sophomore Maria Toledo is the lone Puma that provisionally qualified for the



Senior Joe Koczan throwing the shot put at the 1st annual Puma Invitational.

nationals; she finished 53rd in the 3,000 steeplechase.

PUMA MEN FINISH WITH 10TH MOST WINS IN SCHOOL HISTORY

The men's basketball team finished their 2000-01 season with a 18-13 overall record and a 11-9 conference record, which placed them in fourth place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Eighteen wins is the most since the 1993-94 season, when SJC finished with a 20-8 overall record and the 10th most wins in school history. The Pumas advanced to the GLVC Tournament semi-finals, where they lost 91-88 to then #2 ranked Southern Indiana. This was the first time in the four-year history of the tournament that the Pumas received a bid to the GLVC Tournament. Four members of

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LADY PUMA FOURSOME LEAD SJC WOMEN'S HOOP TEAMS

The foursome of freshmen Heather Allen, Erin Sampsel, Michelle Wegner and sophomore Whitney Avery led the Puma women's basketball team this past season. All four led the Pumas in every statistical category with Allen leading the way in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage. Sampsel led the Pumas in assists and blocked shots, Wegner in three-point field goal percentage and Avery in steals. Allen was the lone Puma on the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference Team as she was named to the Honorable Mention Team. Under the direction of head coach Lynn Plett, SJC finished the 2000-01 season with a 2-24 overall record and a 2-18 conference mark. The Pumas graduated only one senior: Laura Mullikin.

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the team earned post-season honors: Brent Mason, Brandon Yates, Hodges Smith and Coach Dave Balza. Mason was a member of the All-GLVC First Team, Daktronics 2nd Team All-Region and the Division II Bulletin All-American Honorable Mention Team along with being on the Pepsi/All-GLVC Tournament Team. Smith and Yates both



Senior Brandon Yates receiving a commemorative basketball from Coach Dave Balza upon becoming a member of the SJC 1,000 Point Club.

were named to the All-GLVC Honorable Mention Team while Coach Balza earned Coach of the Year Honors both in the conference and in the region. Mason is currently 10th on the Pumas' scoring list with 1,346 points

while Yates finished his career 23rd with 1,100 points.

O'DETTE ERA BEGINS

Under the direction of first-year head coach **Rick O'Dette '98**, the Puma baseball team finished their 2001 season with a 23-30 overall record and a 10-17 conference mark, which placed them in 5th place in the GLVC North Division. Senior outfielder Tim Chambers led SJC with 6 home runs, 16 doubles, 42 runs scored and 95 total bases. Chambers was the lone Puma on the All-GLVC Team as he was named to the Second Team for the second consecutive season. The Pumas batted .281 as a team with senior Brian Stultz leading the way with a .338 batting average while senior Jeff Downs drove in a team high 36 runs. SJC's pitching staff had a team ERA of 4.76 with senior Mark Gruzewski leading the way with a 1.09 ERA, a 5-4 record and four saves, while junior Keith Nawrocki had a team high 50 strike-outs. Besides Chambers, Downs, Stultz and Gruzewski, the Pumas also lose seven other players to graduation: Rich Pietrzak, Jeff Schroeder, Derrick



Heather Allen goes up against an opponent.

Nosal, Josh Peacock, Brock Heinz, Tim Pirowski and Lucas Brunette.

SOFTBALL FINISHES 9-2 IN LAST 11 GAMES

The softball team finished their 2001 season winning 9 of their last 11 games to finish 20-26 overall and 5-17 in the conference. Under the direction of first-year head coach Frank Wilkins, the Pumas were led by junior utility player Beth Nix, with a .431 batting average, junior infielder Kim Hamel, with a team high of 42 hits and 10 doubles, and senior outfielder Mary Mazurek, with a team high of 21 runs scored and 18 runs batted in. SJC's pitching staff included freshmen Erika Cheslik and Maria Kaczanowski as well as Nix. Cheslik and Nix each recorded seven victories. Cheslik also had a team low 1.85 ERA and a team high 96 strike-outs. The Pumas lose four players to graduation: Mazurek, Heidi Wieland, Shanna Arnold and Amy Creager.

PUMA MEN'S NETTERS FINISH IN 8TH PLACE

The Puma men's tennis team finished their 2001 campaign with a 1-15 overall record and a 1-8 conference mark. Under the direction of head coach John Barrientos, the SJC team finished the season in eighth place in the GLVC and returns everyone from their 2001 squad.

BASKETBALL AWARD WINNERS

The SJC's women's team presented six awards for the 2000-01 season. Freshman Michelle Wegner received the Hustle Award and freshman Andrea Milliser was named the Most Improved Player. Sophomore Karin Morrisroe was the recipient of two awards: Sportsmanship and Scholar Athlete. Freshman Erin Sampsel received the Defensive Award and shared the Most Efficient Award with freshman teammate Heather Allen. On the men's team, freshman Seth Perigo received the Academic Achievement Award, while sophomore Hodges Smith received the Most Improved Award. Junior Marlin Murphy was named the team's Top Defensive Player, and Brent Mason received the Max Trump Award. The Richard F. Scharf Coach's Award went to freshman Jamie Holden, while Brandon

Yates received the Hank Kressler Senior Memorial Award and Leading Rebounder Award.

HOOPSTERS AMONG DII STATISTICAL LEADERS

The Puma men's and women's basketball teams and three of their players were in the top 65 in nine statistical categories of the final NCAA Division II statistics report of the 2000-01 season.

Junior Brent Mason finished in the top 35 in scoring, free throw percentage and three-point field goal percentage. His 20.9 scoring average was 23rd and Mason's 94% shooting from the charity was 2nd. The Lafayette junior also finished 32nd with his 43.1% shooting from three-point range. Freshman Jamie Holden was 28th in the nation in steals with his 2.5 per game average and was tops among the Division II freshmen. Freshman forward Heather Allen finished 62nd in the nation with her 16.7 scoring average. The Puma men finished in the top 25 in scoring, free throw percentage and three-point field goal percentage. They were 21st in the nation in scoring, averaging 84.9 points while their 75.6% shooting from the charity stripe placed them 11th in the nation. The Puma men also finished 24th in the nation with their 39.3% from three-point range and the

women finished 18th in the nation in three-point field goals made per game with their 6.3 average

Brandon Yates and Brent Mason also had single game marks that were among the top performances in Division II

men's basketball. Yates's 22 rebounds against Lewis University tied him for second best in the nation while Mason's perfect shooting from the charity stripe (16 of 16) against Lewis is also tied for second.

39 PUMAS NAMED TO GLVC TEAM

The Great Lakes Valley Conference named 39 Pumas to its 2000-01 Winter/Spring Academic All-Conference Team. The GLVC sponsors seven winter/spring sports including men's and women's basketball, softball, baseball, men's tennis, and men's and women's track and field.

From Coach **Bill Massoels's '89** track and field teams, the following were selected: Andy Cool, Mario DiRuzza, Brett Heinz, Joe Koczan, Greg Myers, Tim Newman, Derek Serna, Adam Smith, Matt Stout, Jared Weller, Kelli Deckard, Juli Duerksen, Teresa Gaura, Melissa Kleinmaus, Jamie Marshall, Becca Niziolek, Kim Noon, Darci Ramirez, Alexis Virtue and Shana Wyatt. From Coach Lynn Plett's women's basketball team, the following athletes were selected: Whitney Avery, Leslie Clevenger, Karin Morrisroe and Michelle Wegner. From Coach Dave Balza's men's basketball team, Seth Perigo was the lone Puma selected. From Coach **John Barrientos's '51** tennis team, Greg Gulvas and Russ Regan were selected. From Coach Frank Wilkins's softball team, the following athletes were selected: Shanna Arnold, Amy Creager, Brooke Mason, Mary Mazurek, Rachael Meier, Lauren Roberts and Heidi Wieland. From Coach **Rick O'Dette's '98** baseball team, the following athletes were selected: Mark Harris, Brock Heinz, Mark Stasch, Kurt Welsh and J.C. Wilkinson. ♦

Sports Hall of Fame Inductees



This year's inductees are (left to right): *Mary Quasney '95, Dereu Wilder '93, Myrna Quinn (accepting award for Dou Quinn '50), Matt Brace '92.*

class notes

Frank Staucet '49 was inducted into the Hammond Sports Hall of Fame 3/15/01. Staucet played 10 years of pro baseball, compiling a .261 career average in the minor leagues and making the Eastern League All-Star team three times with Albany, NY.

John Baird '57 retired 1/31/01 after 23 years of service as a Deputy Clerk at Cleveland, OH Municipal Court. In 1998 he received the Franklin A. Polk Public Service Award from the Cuyahoga County Bar Association.

Hon. Gilbert Parent '57 has been appointed Canada's Ambassador for the Environment. He will be called upon to represent the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Environment at international environmental and sustainable development meetings and negotiations. Parent was first elected to Canada's House of Commons in 1974.

Desmond Ryan, Ph.D., '58, is Executive Director of the Indiana Catholic Conference and received the Abolitionist of the Year Award from Amnesty International on 3/6/01.

Dr. Raymond W. Tennant '59 was named Director of the National Center for Toxicogenomics. This new Center will be located in the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in

North Carolina.

Bob Dougherty '62 has been named to Golf Digest's Top 100 teachers in the U.S. In 1999 he was named PGA Teacher of the Year and was given the position of Team USA Golf Coach for the Special Olympics World Games.

He is living in Grass Lake, MI and working for MACSTEEL, the Michigan Division of the Quanax Corp., as Assistant Production Superintendent in charge of melting, casting and rolling operations.

Mark F. Swary '70 has been elected to the Board of Trustees of

distinguished himself in the Ship's Legal Office of the USS NIMITZ. For over seven years in upstate New York, he built and ran a Macintosh network advertising department for a small grocery store chain. He is currently the General Manager for the Ascent Division of BiznessOnline.com.

Sister Kathryn Kelm, SSS, '80 has released "On the Wings of Love," a collection of 15 of her own songs about the spiritual life. She credits SJC faculty Dr. John Egan, Fr. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S., and Sr. Catherine Fay, BVM, with guidance and encouragement in her songwriting. CDs are \$15 and cassettes are \$10, plus \$2 shipping. They can be ordered from the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, 101 Silver St., Waterville, ME 04901.

Ann (Werick) Rincon '81 has been named senior technical staff member in the networking technology business line, IBM Microelectronics Division. She has worked for IBM since graduating from SJC. Ann and her husband **Jose '81**, who also works for IBM, have three boys, Jose, III (16), James (14) and John (10), and reside in Burlington, VT.

Janeen (Wentstrup) Kooi '82 is currently a Donor Relations Associate at Central Methodist College in Fayette, MO. Janeen and her husband,



This photo was taken at an SJC "mini-reunion" held November 4, 2000. Left to right: Keith Snyder '56, Bill Yanan '56, "Reese" Weber '57, Don Dwiell '56, Jim (Swede) Thureson '57. Yanan says this group's plan for the next mini-reunion is at the Beer and Brat tent at Homecoming 2001. Photo courtesy of Bill Yanan.

Charles W. Webb, M.D., F.A.C.E.P., '66 was recently elected to a second three-year term on the board of the Michigan chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Webb is the editor of their newsletter, "News & Views," and is an ordained minister of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Webb was Pastor at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Rensselaer, IN from 1962-66.

Benedict (Ben) R.

Dandrow '69 is living in the Midwest after 19 years on the East coast.

Attorneys for Family-Held Enterprises. Mark is a Partner with Hahn Loeser & Parks, LLP in Cleveland, OH.

Mark Sullivan '75 has been named EVP and General Manager for Patient Accounting Service Center in Kent, WA where he was previously CIO. PASC outsources business office functions for hospitals and clinics. Mark and his wife, Cindi, and their two daughters, Meaghan (6) and Sarah (7), live in the Seattle area.

Martin Maher '78 joined the US Navy where he

Marty '82, reside in Glasgow, MO with their three daughters.

Anna (Hatfield) Warren '85 was recently promoted to principal of Great Oaks Elementary School in Round Rock, TX. Great Oaks is a Texas Exemplary School with a strong focus on technology integration, thematic instruction and innovative practices.

Michael Cooke '89 has recently taken a position with Maersk Logistics in Oak Brook, IL as a Client Manager covering the Midwest region. He will be managing overseas suppliers and vendors for major retailers in the Midwest.

Michael Hodge '89 is currently playing the role of Lionel Macauley in the longest running non-musical play "Perfect Crime" at The Duffy Theatre in New York City. The show celebrated its 15th year on 4/7/01.

Margaret A. Smith '91 was selected as the 2000-01 Outstanding IHSA/NFIOA Swimming Official. She was honored at the IHSA Girls State Swimming and Diving Meet in 2/01.

Andy Balas '92 received the CPA designation from the State of Missouri. Also a Certified Financial Examiner, Balas is an Information Systems Financial Examiner with the Missouri Department of Insurance.

Julie Nicholson '93 has been awarded the Pearl J. Aldrich Endowment in Gerontology/Graduate

Student Research Award. This grant is awarded through the Medical School at Michigan State University.

Michael Manis '96 received his Juris Doctor Degree from the Valparaiso University School of Law 5/20/01.

James Blinzinger '98 received his Juris Doctor Degree from the Joseph Henry Lumpkin School of Law at The University of Georgia on 5/19/01. He has joined the law firm of Robert Lubin and Associates in Tyson's Corner, VA. and resides in Washington, D.C.

Randy Wagers '00 is currently a Health Technician at Associates in Clinical Psychology, a group home for boys. He continues to produce original music with the band known as Jassy Grazz.

engagements

Michael Keiser '96 engaged to Mary Beth Hornak. A 4/13/02 wedding is planned.

Kelly Bishop '93 engaged to Kevin Sanders. A 12/01 wedding is planned.

marriages

Joseph Badell '95 to Ana Linda, 12/18/97.

Mark Sansone '97 to **Jennifer Townsend '98** at the SJC Chapel, 10/7/00.

Sean Shannon '97 to Meghan Riordan, 12/23/00.

Eric Ziolkowski '97 to Natalie Taylor, 6/2/01.

Andrew Hicks '98 to Sara

Klocek '98 at the SJC Chapel, 1/6/01. Father Ralph Verdi, C.P.P.S., presided over the service.

Chad Novak '98 to Amy Breit, 6/15/01.

Jeremy Hoy '00 to **Sherrie Jankowski '97**, 6/17/00.

Benjamin Davis to **Wendy Charlesworth '01**, 6/9/01.

births

Andrew Robert Geleott to **Kevin '89** and Kate **Geleott**, 4/28/01.

Maria Anne Klingenger to **John '90** and Marisha **Klingenger**, 1/5/01.

Jason Robert Jones to Robert and **Mary Beth (Donnelly) Jones '90** and big sister, Kelly (3), 1/22/01.

Luke Thomas Cooley to **Jim '91** and Lisa **Cooley** and big brother, Evan, 1/11/01.

Caroline Marie Rotkis to **Tom '92** and **Colleen (Dunbar) Rotkis '93**, 2/2/01.

Brendan Amado Cabrera to Amado and **Pam (Lisek) Cabrera '93**, 3/12/01.

Monet Elizabeth DesAutels to **Logan '93** and Kristen **DesAutels**, 1/20/01.

Madison Rose Meyer to **Timothy '93** and Kara (Costa) Meyer '93, 12/22/00.

Lucas Elijah Brown to **Mark '94** and Cathy **Brown**, 1/31/01.

Lucas Slys to **Mike '94** and Tasha **Slys**, 3/10/01.

Pablo Miguel Badell to **Joseph '95** and Ana **Badell**, 12/16/00.

Madeline Jewell Lorrayne Fleshman to Mark and **Stephanie (Sutherlin)**

Fleshman '96, 11/28/00.

Gabriel Reese Leffler to Jason and **Monica (Serrani) Leffler '96**, 10/14/00.

deaths

Reverend Edward C. Homco, C.P.P.S., '36, 12/23/00.

Harold A. Dorsten '37, 3/11/01.

Reverend James Kelley, C.P.P.S., '37, 3/24/99.

Paul L. Massa '40, 4/21/01.

Reverend Leo Gaulrapp, C.P.P.S., '42, 1/26/01.

Brother Robert Buhrman, C.P.P.S., '43, 4/11/01.

James Patrick Dolan '50, 2/2/01.

Leonard A. Wildenhaus '51, 1/5/01.

Thomas Joseph Keefe '59, 11/11/00.

Richard J. Osmulski '61, 1/01.

Thomas A. Anderson, Jr. '64, 5/1/01.

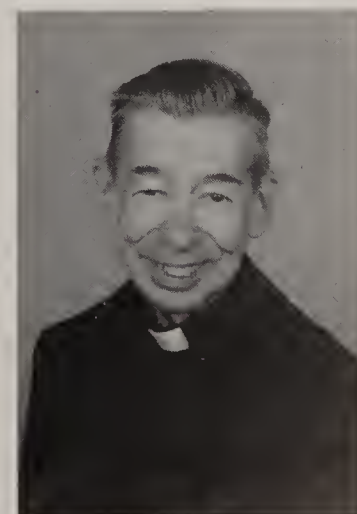
Michael T. Stirdivant '68, 4/7/01.

Sister Mary I. Miller, BVM, '69, no date.

James P. Hoyng '70, 1/2/01.

Janet (Houston) Salkeld '81, 3/10/01.

William F. Courtney, friend of SJC, 08/27/00.



Brother Robert Buhrman, C.P.P.S., '43



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